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Honorable Howell Heflin  
United States Senate  
728 Senate Hart Building  
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Dear Senator Heflin:

This is in reply to your letter of August 13, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Myron J. Sasser, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

Thank you for your interest in this proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,

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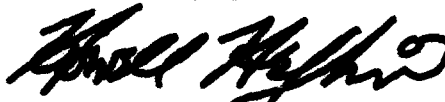
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Dear Ms. Belvin:

RE: The Correspondence of:  
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It is the preference of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and communications. Proper consideration of the enclosure is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

  
Howell Hefflin

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Senator Howell Heflin  
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Dear Senator Heflin:

At the age of ten, living in Russell Mills' village in Alexander City, I built my first model airplane, powered with rubber bands and faith. I followed this hobby, later, with model engines until WWII aviation cadet training and the war ended. At Auburn University, in the School of Engineering, I couldn't afford the gasoline for models, even by the teaspoon. After graduation, there were two more years in the Korean conflict.

Resuming the hobby, to a limited extent, as an engineer and later as the Chief Building Official of the City of Birmingham for twenty-seven years, I enjoyed the progress of the art through Radio Control of model boats and sailboats in addition to model R/C planes. After two heart attacks and two open heart surgeries, I am now left, at the age of sixty-five, with my old hobby of more than fifty years.

As I got back into proficiency in the radio control hobby, I found that the Federal Communications commission is "jerking" the modellers around by reducing frequencies and superimposing private land mobile dispatch operations between and throughout the frequencies used for controlling model aircraft and boats. Splitting the frequencies even further, they now propose interspersing private mobile dispatch frequencies, operating at hundreds of watts of power, immediately adjacent to and on top of the model transmissions which emit from 500 to 700 milliwatts of power, or less than one watt. This can be done legally from a vehicle which could be parked or driving by a location where model aircraft are flying at 125+ mph. Without control, these model aircraft become missiles, dangerous to people or observers adjacent to and up to two miles away.

Radio interference places in peril model aircraft, model racing boats and model sailboats costing in the hundreds, if not thousands, of dollars. Construction of these craft is very labor intensive and damage or destruction is invariably the result of loss of control.

FCC's Docket 92-235 now proposed, if adopted, will place at risk, not only the pursuit of a hobby of both you and old, but place the cost out of reach of both. The cost of receivers needed to comply with prior FCC rulings has tripled into hundreds of dollars and the state of the art today cannot meet the changes required in technology to comply with the frequencies proposed in Docket 92-235.

I am also an Amateur Radio operator (call letters N4RMO) and the FCC is intruding into the bands

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allotted for this use also; but this is another matter.

Please speak out against the further intrusion into the 72-76 Mhz bands and help us to maintain a hobby of fifty-five years. it took me off the streets in the 1930's. Help us provide a space of model R/Cers in the radio spectrum by helping us defeat FCC Docket 92-235 and will help you keep the potential engineers and technicians, now children and youth, off the streets in the 1990's.

Thank you for your assistance,



M. J. Sasser, PE, FPE (Retired)

MJS/cs

Hope you are feeling better! I have been there &  
I know what you're going through—

Best wishes.

